8. Shri Purushottam G. Sewhany, Karnataka

9. Ms. Kiran Bedi, Delhi

The criteria for the nomination is as provided for in the Memorandum and Articles Association of CWWB, that is, they are Professionals in specified fields or eminent Social workers.

Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana

1201. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry is going to launch Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY) to ensure better health and nutrition for millions of women living below the poverty line and to encourage institutional deliveries, especially in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details of IGMSY indicating the names of 94 districts identified for implementation of IGMSY on pilot basis and the incentives proposed to be given to pregnant and lactating mother; and

(c) the future of Janani Suraksha Yojana after launching of IGMSY?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) The Ministry has proposed a Conditional Cash Transfer Scheme for Maternity Benefits – "Indira Gandhi Matritva Sahyog Yojana (IGMSY)" – CMB scheme to provide cash transfers to P&L women in response to fulfilling specific conditions. Scheme is under finalization.

Irregularities in creche scheme

1202. SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities in the implementation of creche scheme have been detected in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and agencies and organizations involved; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) to (c) Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Scheme (RGNCS) for the Children of Working Mothers envisages the monitoring of creches being run under the scheme through independent Monitoring Agencies identified in each State. In the last meeting with Monitoring Agencies called by the Ministry of Women and Child Development recently, certain shortcomings were reported in the implementation of the scheme, which are common to creches in many of the Sates. These shortcomings *inter-alia* include inadequate

space; inadequate facilities for ventilation, lighting, drinking water, sleeping facilities and recreation materials; unsafe playing area; enrolment of children of non-working mothers; lesser number of children enrolled; lack of proper linkage with Primary Health Centres and lack of training to the Creche workers, etc.

The implementing agencies are advised from time to time to take necessary action to rectify the deficiencies.

Rajiv Gandhi National Creche Schemes for Children of Working Mothers is approved for implementation by Central Social Welfare Board (CSWB), Indian Council for Child Welfare and Bhartiya Adim Jati Sewak Sangh (BAJSS). As certain complaints of irregularities in the management of creches by BAJSS were received by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, the crèches sanctioned to BAJSS have been temporarily transferred to CSWB. The complaints are being enquired into.

Plight of street children

1203. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the plight of street children in the country;

(b) whether Government has any statistics about the number of street children in the country, State-wise; and

(c) whether Government has any plans for their education and to look after their economic welfare?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No authentic data on number of street children in the country is available in the Ministry of Women and Child Development as their number is fluctuating in nature.

(c) Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched a centrally sponsored scheme, namely 'Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS)', with the objectives to provide a safe and secure environment to the children in need of care and protection including street children, children in conflict with law and any other vulnerable child in the country. This scheme is implemented from the current financial year through the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, Childline India Foundation (CIF), Mumbai and National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD).

ICPS provides for setting up of open shelters for such children particularly in urban areas. Such centres provide a space for children where they can play, use their time productively and engage themselves in creative activities through music, dance, drama, yoga and meditation, computers, indoor and outdoor games, etc. This is aimed at ensuring their overall growth and development, and keeping them away from socially deviant behaviour in addition to fulfilling their